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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Detailed Action

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 11-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Asano.

With respect to claim 11, Asano teaches a fax apparatus (shown by figure 1) for transmitting data to a fax destination (I Fax 3b) via a public network 22, comprising:

A receiver (server 1a) configured to receive an e-mail from a sender; a memory (data memory 6 and 52) to store password and domain information, see para. 67 and 68; password judging means 93 and 94 for acquiring the password and domain information (part of the e-mail format according to para. 63, 64 and 66; data format transformation section 10, for converting the e-mail to a fax data, see para. 70; a comparator 91, see paragraphs 67 and 68 for the purpose claimed; and fax transmitter (modem 12 – fax section and PSTN) for performing the function as claimed according to the middle of para. 70.

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With respect to claim 12, see the bottom of paragraphs 67 and 68 which teaches the claimed limitations.

With respect to claim 13, see para. 64 which teaches the claimed limitation.

With respect to claim 14, element 1a of figure 1 shows the computer as claimed.

With respect to claim 15, Asano teaches fax data is transmitted to the fax destination 3b, a log including information relating to the sender (sender, see also the bottom of para. 67 and 68) and the fax destination is transmitted to the manager node (21a, 22 and 21b of figure 1)

With respect to claim 16, Asano teaches a LAN interface 21b configured to receive a-mail data from a sender; a memory (data memory 6 and 52) to store password and domain information, see para. 67 and 68; password judging means 93 and 94 for acquiring the password and domain information (part of the e-mail format according to para. 63, 64 and 66; data format transformation section 10, for converting the e-mail to a fax data, see para. 70; a comparator 91, see paragraphs 67 and 68 for the purpose claimed; and fax transmitter (modem 12 – fax section and PSTN) for performing the function as claimed according to the middle of para. 70.

With respect to claim 17, the LAN interface 21b, said memory 6 and 52, said acquirer (password judging means 93 and 94); converter section 10; comparator 91, and said fax transmitter are integrated in the fax apparatus, see figure 1.

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With respect to claim 18, Asano teaches the fax apparatus for transmitting data to a fax destination via a public network, comprising; A receiver (server 1a) configured to receive an e-mail from a sender; password table (data memory 6 and 52) for storing passwords; password judging means 93 and 94 for acquiring the password and domain information (part of the e-mail format according to para. 63, 64 and 66); and fax transmitter (modem 12 – fax section and PSTN) for performing the function as claimed according to the middle of para. 70; wherein the transmitter is configured to not transmit the fax data to the fax destination when the acquired password is not stored in said password table, see the bottom of paragraph 67 and 68.

With respect to claim 19, Asano teaches a domain name table (memory 6 and 52) configured to store a plurality of domain names; wherein said acquirer password judging means 93 and 94 for acquiring the password and domain information (part of the e-mail format according to para. 63, 64 and 66) from the domain name table (6 and 52).

With respect to claim 20, Asano teaches a method for transmitting data to a fax destination 36 using a fax apparatus (shown by figure 1), via a public network 22, the fax having a memory 5, 6 and 52 that stores password and domain name; the steps include: a receiving step utilized by a receiver (server 1a) configured to receive an e-mail from a sender; acquiring step via password judging means 93 and 94 for

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acquiring the password and domain information (part of the e-mail format according to para. 63, 64 and 66; a converting step via data format transformation section 10, for converting the e-mail to a fax data, see para. 70; comparing a password step via a comparator 91, see paragraphs 67 and 68 for the purpose claimed; and fax transmitter (modem 12 – fax section and PSTN) for performing the function as claimed according to the middle of para. 70.

With respect to claim 21, Asano teaches using a fax apparatus, according to claim 1, via a network 22, having a memory (5, 6 and 52) for storing domain name information: : a receiving step utilized by a receiver (server 1a) configured to receive an e-mail from a sender; acquiring step via password judging means 93 and 94 for acquiring the password and domain information (part of the e-mail format according to para. 63, 64 and 66; a converting step via data format transformation section 10, for converting the e-mail to a fax data, see para. 70; comparing a password step via a comparator 91; see paragraphs 67 and 68 for the purpose claimed; and fax transmitter (modem 12 – fax section and PSTN) for performing the function as claimed according to the middle of para. 70.

2.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 571-272-7463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore, can be reached on 571-272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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